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PANAMA FOR GAO LATIN AMERICA BRANCH

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SUBJECT: CONSTRAINTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMERCIAL SCALE NON-BAUXITE SOURCES OF ALUMINA

REF: PANAMA 3169

1. THREE SINGLES RESERVED HOTEL PEGASUS FOR MCNEIL, ANGELS, AND BANEY MAY 21. EMBASSY CAR WILL MEET AT AIRPORT. APPOINTMENT FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM SCHEDULED FOR 0830 MAY 22.
2. TEAM SHOULD ENSURE THAT IT HAS CONFIRMED ONWARD AIRLINE RESERVATIONS BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE ARRIVAL GEORGETOWN. OUTWARD BOUND FLIGHTS ARE BOOKED WEEKS IN ADVANCE AND DELAYS MAY BE ENCOUNTERED IF RESERVATIONS ARE NOT CONFIRMED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.
3. VISAS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE ENTRY INTO GUYANA FOR HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. BRITISH EMBASSIES IN MOST CASES CAN ISSUE GUYANESE VISAS BUT PROCESS MAY TAKE FEW DAYS. THERE IS GUYANESE EMBASSY IN CARACAS AND CONSULATE GENERAL IN PORT OF SPAIN.

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4. ONE STATE-OWNED COMPANY, BIDCO (BAUXITE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.), HAS COUNTRY-WIDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING BAUXITE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING. (BIDCO CHAIRMAN THOMPSON IS CURRENTLY ABSENT ON BUSINESS IN UNITED STATES.) BIDCO HAS OVERALL POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATING COMPANY, GUYBAU, WHICH OPERATES MINES AND ALUMINA PLANT. EMBASSY WILL MAKE

APPOINTMENTS FOR TEAM AND EMBOFF TO MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS, BUT DUE TO CONCENTRATION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS NUMBER OF OFFICIALS WHO CAN BE USEFULLY INTERVIEWED IS LIMITED. AREAS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST OF TEAM WOULD BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, AS WOULD INDICATION AS TO HOW FAR TEAM WISHES TO EXPLORE TECHNICAL DETAILS.

5. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY PROPOSED ONWARD DESTINATION FROM GEORGETOWN PLUS DATE AND FLIGHT NUMBER SO EMBASSY CAN RECONFIRM RESERVATIONS HERE.
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